

**BEFORE THE STATE BANKING BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF     )  
BANK OF MONTANA FOR A CERTIFICATE     )  
OF AUTHORIZATION FOR A STATE     )  
CHARTERED BANK IN MISSOULA, MONTANA     )

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

To:    All Banks within a One-Hundred Mile Straight Line Radius of Missoula, Montana


1.    A public hearing will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m. June 6, 2006, or as soon thereafter as interested persons can be heard, at the **Holiday Inn Downtown, 22 N. Last Chance Gulch, Elkhorn A, Helena, Montana.**
2.    The purpose of the scheduled hearing is to receive evidence or other comments or testimony concerning the advisability of granting a Certificate of Authorization to the Bank of Montana for a state-chartered bank in Missoula, Montana.
3.    Pursuant to §32-1-204, MCA, any bank filing a written protest with the Board prior to the date of the hearing shall be admitted as a party, as defined in the Montana Administrative Procedures Act, with all rights attendant thereto.
4.    Copies of the application and supporting materials may be obtained from the Division of Banking and Financial Institutions, PO Box 200546, Helena, Montana, 59620. Requesting parties will be required to pay the cost of copying such materials. Written protests and comments should also be filed with the Commissioner at the above address.
5.    Interested persons may present their data, views or arguments either orally or in writing at the hearing, or by mailing the same to Annie M. Goodwin, Commissioner, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions, PO Box 200546, Helena, MT, 59620, prior to the date of the hearing.
6.    Mark Prichard, Esq., Division of Banking & Financial Institutions, has been designated by the Board as Hearing Examiner and will preside over and conduct the hearing.
7.    The authority of the State Banking Board to conduct this hearing is based on §32-1-202, MCA, and the hearing will be conducted pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 1, Part 2, of the Montana Code Annotated, the Montana Administrative Procedures Act, and the Rules promulgated by the Board in Title 2, Chapter 60, Sub-Chapter 2 of the Administrative Rules of Montana.

8. All persons appearing before the State Banking Board are entitled to be represented by counsel.

9. The Department of Administration will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this hearing or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2006, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Christopher Romano, Division of Banking & Financial Institutions, 301 South Park, Suite 316, P.O. Box 200546, Helena, MT 59620-0546, (406) 841-2928, (406) 841-2930.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2006.

BY ORDER OF THE STATE BANKING BOARD

BY:   
Annie M. Goodwin, Commissioner  
Division of Banking and Financial Institutions